

To Mark Heritage In Region

Twelve western New York counties make up the Western New York Association of Historical Agencies with headquarters in Genesee.

The association is embarking on a bicentennial observance encouraging citizens of the area to observe 1988 as Community Heritage Year in keeping with a proclamation of Governor Mario Cuomo commemorating two important pieces of legislation enacted on Mar. 7, 1788 which provided for dividing New York State into counties and towns.

The historical organization, in cooperation with the Alliance of Historical Service Agencies in New York State, is encouraging celebration of Community Heritage by presenting and coordinating public programs and activities throughout this year such as community festivals, public lecture programs and exhibitions.

During the association's recent annual meeting, Teresa L. Winslow, chairman, explained that the broad and basic guidelines for Community Heritage Year are meant to encourage serious programs similar to the Bicentennial of 1976 which was the catalyst for starting historical societies in many communities. She said, "Local history should be the basis of New York State history."

She noted that it would be up to individual communities and community organizations — including the historian's office, historical society, museum, library, arts council or the municipality — to create the plans and methods for celebrating Community Heritage Year.

Dr. Hans-Joachim Finke, association executive director, said the organization will provide assistance to help communities with technical information, educational programs to plan a successful year of celebrations.

Fast Drivers Pay Town Court Fines

Fines totaling \$1,010 were levied on 16 persons pleading guilty to charges during a recent session of court before North Dansville Town Justice Ronald J. Snyder.

Those charged with speeding were:

Patricia Schutte, 26, Manalapan, N. J., \$55; J. Devil, 23, Lockport, \$45; Edward Brooks, 20, Hamburg, \$40; Douglas Fowler, 21, West Hartford, Conn., \$60; Nancy Frame, 47, Bentonville, Va., \$50; Robert Williamson, 50, Rochester, \$60; Richard Maurer, 42, Grand Island, \$55; Joseph Morsheimer, 21, Kenmore, \$40; Calvin Savescu, 48, Kearney, N. J., \$50; Christine Banks, 24, Cheektowaga, \$65; Steven Carpenter, 41, Fairport, \$60.

Snyder ordered seven operator's licenses suspended for failure to appear in court.

Charged with petit larceny were Marion Mastin, 62, of Conesus, fined \$60 and given a conditional discharge; Theresa Rauber, 35, Dansville, given a conditional discharge and sentenced to 15 days community service.

Pleading guilty to bad check charges were Janet Matthews, 40, Cohocton, and Sharlene Hoffman, 23, Wayland. They were each fined \$60 and ordered to make restitution.

Robert Flynn, 20, of Piffard, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$125, placed on conditional discharge and ordered to make restitution of \$125.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLS

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Seek Development Plan

It was a small group that met last week in Avon to initiate talks on the economic future of Livingston County.

The session followed a recent dinner meeting on the "Future of Dansville" at Bras Burn Recreation that featured Dr. David A. Martin of Genesee.

The local event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Dansville Economic Steering Committee that is made up of members of the chamber, the Business Association and Dansville Economic Development Inc.

Martin, head of the John Wiley Jones School of Business at Genesee State University College, author of a study, "The Livingston County Economy in Transition: Potential Prospects, Problems and Solutions," spoke to about 150 persons.

He made recommendations for improving economic conditions in Dansville and urged the community to work with Livingston County to design an economic development plan for the area.

Dansville, last week, was represented and contributed to the plans to hold a county economic summit meeting in June.

Local representatives were

Donald Bartolo, Dansville schools superintendent and steering committee chairman; Robert Matthews, chamber president; James Yost, Business Association president; and Robert Goins, president of Dansville Economic Development Inc.

Object of the June session will be an attempt to avert the possibility of economic problems predicted in Martin's study completed last year and in which he encouraged a county development convention this spring.

He warns Livingston is likely to be faced with a danger of "de-industrialization" in the not too distant future with resulting losses of jobs and population and increasingly more expensive government costs.

The county Board of Supervisors legislative committee is working on an agenda for the organization of a full-time economic development department funded by supervisors at budget time.

Last week the group of 11 persons met for the first time in the first meeting of its kind at which communities from the entire county were represented, Bartolo said.

He stated the group has three purposes. "We want to heighten the awareness of the

county to its economic problems and future. We want to make a grassroots effort at some high-quality economic diversification which would preserve our natural resources and the beauty and rural spirit of our county. And we want to improve communications between the villages and towns."

The group planning the conference is acting without a title or officers, but tentatively wants to hold the meeting the first week at Genesee College, with representatives from every community in the county attending.

Bartolo said a second meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23 at the Genesee Inn to plan further for the convention. He said the group will try to work with the Board of Supervisors, and "We're going to try to have some resolutions to present to the board" following the summit meeting.

Martin's study is the second to warn of the county's economic decay. Five years ago, Paul Fiske, a former business school instructor at Genesee, warned that the county's economic output was not keeping pace with the tax demands of government. He also advocated an economic development campaign.

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